2023 International Conference On
Ecology & Transportation
"Synergy at Scale: Partnering for a Healthy Landscape"
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ICOET

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
In-Person/Virtual Conference | June 4-8, 2023
Hosted by the Vermont Agency of Transportation and Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department

****Abstracts can be up to 3000 characters, ~450 words****

ICOET is *the* forum for practitioners and scientists in governmental, academic, nonprofit, and private sectors engaged in transportation ecology and related disciplines engaged in. ICOET presentations highlight project planning and implementation activities, research findings, emerging issues, and best practices related to the interface between transportation, linear infrastructure systems, communities, aquatic, and terrestrial ecosystems. We formally invite you to join us and celebrate your recent endeavors in transportation ecology.

ICOET 2023 has the great fortune to meet with the annual meeting of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials Committee on Environment and Sustainability (AASHTO-CES) and the summer meeting of the Transportation Research Board Committee on Environmental Analysis and Ecology (AEP70). You can use the ICOET abstract submission process to submit your AASHTO or AEP70 abstract if that is appropriate. ICOET 2023 will be conducted in-person and virtually, which gives an exciting opportunity to bring together colleagues from around the world more than ever before. While in-person attendance offers unique opportunities for networking and informal knowledge-sharing, we also very much support our virtual participants as we embark on a hybrid ICOET conference model for the future. Thanks to the National Wildlife Federation and Dudek for being our first two sponsors. Thanks also to the Washington State Department of Transportation for setting up a Pooled Fund Study to support the conference: https://www.pooledfund.org/Details/Study/728. These and other sponsorships help keep costs down for conference participants.

Abstract Submission Deadline – December 2nd, 2022
Professionals, academics, and students are encouraged to submit abstracts and proposals for the following presentation formats: Organized Sessions and Symposia, Panels, Workshops, Podium Talks, Lightning Presentations, and Posters. Your proposed presentation should align with the ICOET 2023 theme and topic areas posted at
https://icoet.net/theme.

Abstract Preparation
The body of your abstract, including event proposals, must not exceed 3000 characters (~450 words, including spaces), excluding title, authors etc. All abstracts must be clearly

written, in English, with your ideas well communicated. Your abstract should describe a current or recent project or investigation, planning activity, or emerging issue addressing both transportation and ecological concerns. The described presentation should offer applicable research findings or best practices that may advance the field of transportation ecology. Your presentation should also be supportive of the conference theme.

Abstract Review and Selection
All abstract submissions are evaluated and scored on several criteria by multiple peer reviewers. The ICOET Program Committee considers score rankings, reviewer comments, and the diversity of topics and presenters in its final selection of presentations to be included in the conference.

Individual Presentation Abstract Submission Form: https://airtable.com/shrXajiSBAPDvwamy

1) **Podium** – Podium presentations will be in-person, or pre-recorded, with live Q&A and simultaneously delivered to virtual audiences. Four 15-minute lectures will be organized in each session according to themes and followed by a live, 30-minute moderated Q&A with attendees and group discussion featuring all in-person or virtual presenters from the session. Podium sessions may be organized, and podium talks proposed as a group (see below). In this case, each podium abstract will still be reviewed.

2) **Lightning** – Short, lightning presentations may be delivered live (in-person or virtual) or pre-recorded. Pre-recorded, 5-minute talks should be posted on a commonly-available platform for on-demand viewing during the conference dates. ICOET organizing staff with the University of California Davis will advise presenters on the production of their recordings to ensure format consistency. Talks will be grouped by theme, and groups of presenters will be scheduled in live sessions for the opportunity to answer questions from attendees in a moderated discussion. Pre-recorded presenters are encouraged to be creative in their approach – feel free to go beyond slides and narration to include innovative ways to relay your work (e.g., videos, story maps).

3) **Posters** – For ICOET 2023, we will bring back the traditional Poster sessions. These should be suitable for posting to a single poster board (8' x 3') and available during the conference dates. You should also plan to make an "e-copy" of your poster for virtual participants to see. If you are not able to participate in-person, we suggest you submit a lightning talk abstract.

Event Abstract Submission Form: https://airtable.com/shrXKImWEEVO6ESuh

4) **Organized Podium Session/Symposium** – Proposals for complete, 90-minute Organized Podium Sessions, composed of **4** presentations are invited. Proposals are also invited for half-day (**8** presentations) symposia. Presentations will be in-person, or pre-recorded, with live Q&A and simultaneously delivered to virtual audiences. Your session should be organized around a central theme with presentations and discussions aligned with the conference theme and relevant topic areas. Your session proposal should describe your central theme; its various issues and perspectives to be addressed; a list of presenter names, their respective titles and organizations; a list of questions the presenters will address; and an outline of the session agenda. All Organized Podium Session/Symposium presenters must also submit their individual abstracts through the podium presentation link above. Failure to do this will result in the session not being considered.

5) **Panels** -- Panelists should represent multiple disciplines and varied professional perspectives on the theme. These 90 minute total sessions should consist of brief (approx. 5-minutes each), in-person or pre-recorded presentations by each panelist to orient the audience to the central theme and followed by a live (in-person or virtual), moderated panel discussion of approximately 45 minutes. Panelists will be asked to address questions from attendees submitted to the panel organizer in advance of the scheduled session as well as take questions live from the audience. Panels are often popular to propose, with limited space for them in the agenda, which means that there is stiff competition among the proposals.

6) **Workshop** – Program space for 1 or 2 workshops, total, will be available for ICOET 2023. Creative proposals for 90-minute, interactive workshops are invited. Your proposed workshop should consider and describe how to involve both in-person and virtual participation. Your workshop proposal should be detailed in its description of instructional goals and methods. Other than A/V equipment, logistical details/requirements of any accepted workshops will be the responsibility of the individual or group proposing.

7) **Virtual Field Trip** – Although we will have a great set of in-person field trips in Vermont, the virtual platform provides a unique opportunity to take ICOET attendees to many project and research field sites around the globe. Creative and engaging field trip video proposals are invited, but please do not submit documentary films. Virtual field trips will be pre-recorded and streamed live at a scheduled session time followed by a live, interactive and facilitated Q&A. The proposed video or live field-session should not exceed 60 minutes including the recorded presentation (~30 minutes) and time for Q&A. The recorded presentation also will be posted for on-demand viewing and should include narration.

Submit your abstracts and proposals using the links above.

Please share this announcement with all interested persons in your network. Plan now to attend ICOET 2023 and share your current research, quality applications, and best practices that can enhance both the project development process and the ecological sustainability of all transportation modes. We especially look forward to abstract submissions from newcomers to ICOET, therefore we will only accept up to three (3) presentations from any one presenter, except for Poster presentations.

For more information about the Call for Abstracts, or ICOET 2023, please contact Fraser Shilling (fmshilling@ucdavis.edu), Lead Organizer of ICOET.